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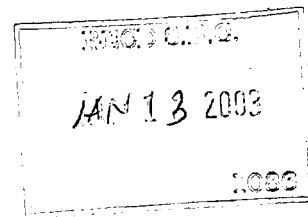
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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporate Finance
Room 3094 (3-6)
450 5th Street
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Washington DC 20549
USA

New GKN PLC

Exemption File 82-5204



Dear Sir,

For your information I enclose a copy of an announcement sent to the London Stock Exchange today.

Yours faithfully,

S DeRitter

pl David Pavey
Assistant Company Secretary

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GKN plc – Chief Executive -

As announced on 8 August 2002, it is confirmed that Kevin Smith CBE, formerly Managing Director Aerospace, has become Chief Executive of GKN with effect from 1 January 2003. Marcus Beresford retired as Chief Executive on 31 December 2002 having reached his normal retirement date.

Also as previously announced, Neal Keating has assumed responsibility for GKN's Aerospace Services Division from 1 January 2003, having been appointed to the Board in August 2002.

G Denham
Company Secretary

2 January 2003

